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a plurality of coverpieces comprising a plurality of cornerpieces each positioned to cover one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,
wherein the plurality of cornerpieces covers an entire periphery of the at least one support panel when assembled, and at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

30. (Thrice Amended) A refrigerator shelf comprising:
at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and
a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,
wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to fit together with another one of the plurality of coverpieces, and at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

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31. (Thrice Amended) A refrigerator shelf comprising:
at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and
a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,
wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to slip or slide in another one of the plurality of coverpieces so as to form a telescopic set of coverpieces, and

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at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

33. (Twice Amended) A shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of cornerpieces comprises plastic.

34. (Amended) A shelf according to claim 32, wherein the plurality of coverpieces comprises a plurality of cornerpieces each covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel.

35. (Amended) A shelf according to claim 32, wherein the plurality of coverpieces comprises at least one coverpiece covering, in full or in part, just one side of the panel.

36. (Twice Amended) A shelf according to claim 32, wherein the plurality of coverpieces has a length and shape such that the plurality of coverpieces covers the entire periphery of the panel.

37. (Twice Amended) A shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to fit together with another one of the plurality of coverpieces.

38. (Twice Amended) A shelf according to claims claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to slip or slide in another one of the plurality of coverpieces so as to form a telescopic set of coverpieces.

39. (Twice Amended) A shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least

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one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

40. (Twice Amended) A shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes an assembling means for assembling with a chassis of an item of furniture or is configured to receive the assembling means.

41. (Twice Amended) A shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes at least one stiffening fin or is configured to receive the at least one stiffening fin.

42. (Twice Amended) A shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes at least one rim configured to prevent liquids from running off or is configured to receive the at least one rim.

43. (Thrice Amended) A shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes at least one backrest or is configured to receive the at least one backrest.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 29-43, 45, 49 and 50 are presently pending in this application, Claims 51-54 having been canceled, and Claims 29-31 and 33-43 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to because of informalities; the specification was objected to for informalities; Claims 29-31, 33/29-31,